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In re Application of:

Shaughnessy et al.

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed March 8, 2001, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-18, 40 and 41, with traverse. Applicants traverse this restriction requirement on the basis that Groups I and II are so closely related and they share common features that would facilitate searching both groups at once. Therefore, a search and examination of all pending claims can be made without imposing additional serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants respectfully point out that these two groups are encompassed by generic claim 1, and, pursuant to MPEP 809, restriction must be withdrawn upon indication of an allowable generic claim.

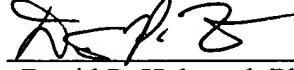
The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. The time period for response has been extended to May 8, 2001, by the accompanying petition for a one-month extension of time. Applicants hereby request that the

extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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